





ANNUAL REPORT

— OF —

THE SELECTMEN

— AND —

Superintending School Committee,

OF THE

TOWN OF SANBORNTON,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1877.

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TILTON, N. H.

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1877.





# REPORT.

The Selectmen charge themselves with Cash,  
received from all sources, as follows:

Received of D. C. Clough, Treasurer for 1875,	\$2,089 12
Elizabeth M. Lane,	700 00
Jason R. Hunkins,	200 00
William H. Eastman,	250 00
William S. Woodman,	200 00
Mary Bailey,	1,229 00
A. B. Sanborn,	1,500 00
G. W. J. Taylor,	1,000 00
Charles Cawley,	1,200 00
Samuel Brown,	200 00
Railroad Tax,	79 06
Savings Bank Tax,	1,466 73
Literary Fund,	125 55
Calvin P. Burley, on 1874 book,	85 65
“ “ on 1875 book,	1,793 12
Belknap County, for Paupers,	69 00
Town of New Hampton,	11 50
Town of Tilton, 55 per cent. on bills,	5 50
Interest on Joseph Clark note,	40 50
Taxes committed to Ira Woodman, 1876,	9,496 83
	<u>\$21,741 56</u>

*Which is accounted for as follows:*

## Paid Out-standing Bills.

Paid Calvin P. Burley, Collector for 1875,	\$100 00
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Paid J. W. Eaton, on roads in summer,	\$2 00
G. P. Howe, " "	3 00
E. E. Favor, " "	5 00
N. M. Weeks, land damage,	12 00
S. Chapman, damage to horse,	4 00
Alfred Clark, for gates,	3 00
Benjamin Smith, on roads in summer,	6 40
Auditors, for 1875,	6 00
J. M. Taylor, board of Selectmen,	16 50
Sylvester Brown, on roads,	4 50
O. M. Smith, " "	7 50
Moses Leighton, " "	15 85
B. M. Burley, Selectman,	18 00
S. D. Weeks, " "	18 15
D. C. Clough, " "	20 00
L. M. Cate, on gates,	2 00
Ira A. Eastman, in Bond case,	224 45
O. A. J. Vaughan, printing,	20 50
B. S. Colby, lumber,	3 88
E. D. Weeks, Chase case,	1 00
Town of Gilmanton, Chase case,	97 78
Daniel Barnard, in Chase and Cofran cases,	139 02
J. J. Burley, Town Clerk, 1875,	38 86
" " books, &c.	11 34
G. W. Baker, for reports,	34 00
K. S. Batchelder, land damage,	2 00
Folsom Morrill, roads and bridges,	41 87
John Brown, " "	34 00
Reuben Dudley, on roads,	11 67
Luther Morrison, " "	1 00
Daniel Barnard, for Polly Cawley,	43 84
Smith Chapman, on roads,	17 00
Ira Woodman, " "	7 50
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	\$973 61

## Paid on Roads in Winter of 1875-76.

Paid Frank L. Prescott, for breaking roads,		\$ 22 75
John S. Tilton,	" "	7 21
I. N. Lane,	" "	10 00
Folsom Morrill,	" "	18 30
David Shaw,	" "	20 96
Benjamin Calley,	" "	20 33
Joseph Mason,	" "	3 00
S. D. Weeks,	" "	44 84
Mark H. Piper,	" "	13 70
Hiram L. Colby,	" "	9 55
James R. Cogswell,	" "	8 55
J. B. Wadleigh,	" "	7 65
J. D. Wadleigh,	" "	29 33
Thomas Bickford,	" "	19 83
C. B. Burley,	" "	1 65
D. L. Morrison,	" "	16 20
Gilman D. Lane,	" "	22 72
Cyrus Swain,	" "	15 00
Charles Cawley,	" "	8 47
D. L. Tilton,	" "	16 30
C. B. Perley,	" "	24 16
T. O. Taylor,	" "	7 57
J. R. Woodbury,	" "	38 75
J. C. Moses,	" "	3 15
Center Smith,	" "	24 29
James C. Wadleigh,	" "	7 50
W. S. Gilman,	" "	3 45
D. B. Sanborn,	" "	22 90
C. H. Marden,	" "	34 75
H. P. Ladd,	" "	14 09
D. C. Clough,	" "	59 14
T. W. Taylor,	" "	37 08
W. Payne,	" "	2 00



Paid E. B. Carr,	for breaking roads,	\$38 98
W. D. Pike,	" "	27 11
A. P. Gilman,	" "	1 00
J. R. Hunkins,	" "	34 34
N. J. Shute,	" "	14 25
Cyrus Taylor,	" "	22 65
Rufus Colby,	" "	20 10
G. P. Howe,	" "	3 45
E. F. Plummer,	" "	4 10
J. B. Kelley,	" "	38 00
Luther Plummer,	" "	39 97
B. M. Burley,	" "	33 45
G. W. Randlett,	" "	25 00
Luther Morrison,	" "	27 22
George Patterson,	" "	28 32
H. P. Hunkins,	" "	27 75
Reuben Dudley,	" "	33 07
J. T. G. Sanborn,	" "	17 09
Joel S. Sanborn,	" "	24 90
Smith Chapman,	" "	29 85
C. L. Bowers,	" "	38 70
Steward Smith,	" "	36 58
J. W. Sanders,	" "	27 37
F. F. Smith,	" "	11 70
Clarinda Smith,	" "	7 05
C. S. Batchelder,	" "	27 27
Ira Woodman,	" "	8 55
Benjamin Smith,	" "	14 55
G. N. Sanborn,	" "	9 95
W. H. Eastman,	" "	10 25
Moses Leighton,	" "	23 55
W. M. Odell,	" "	33 72
Aura Smith,	" "	17 08
T. B. French,	" "	8 00
J. W. Eaton,	" "	1 25



Paid H. Q. Dalton, - for breaking roads,	\$3 00
Alva P. Beckman, " " "	1 50
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	\$1,366 84

### Paid on Roads and Bridges.

Paid David Shaw, on roads,	\$57 25
John W. Currier, "	38 25
Elbridge Favor, "	2 50
G. Cook & Co. plank,	11 25
G. W. Roberts, "	1 57
W. & C. Boynton, on roads,	6 00
D. W. Richardson, "	10 50
F. C. Shaw, "	6 25
W. D. Pike, "	4 00
Town of Hill, lighting bridge,	14 36
O. D. Huse, plank,	6 22
J. M. Taylor, on roads,	2 20
P. C. Shaw, "	3 00
B. S. Colby, plank,	20 05
K. S. Batchelder, on roads,	4 00
W. D. Currier, "	13 50
H. L. Colby, "	6 12
J. D. Clark, "	8 50
A. H. Smith, "	3 50
J. P. Sanborn, "	10 50
Amos K. Hersey, "	3 00
C. S. Batchelder, "	8 85
Christop'r Sanborn, "	3 00
N. J. Shute, "	5 67
W. S. Gilman, plank,	14 30
M. B. Gilman, on road,	22 00
H. P. Howe, "	16 28

Paid W. B. Huse, plank,	\$5 92
J. T. G. Sanborn, on bridge,	24 00
D. B. Sanborn, on road,	4 00
H. P. Wadleigh, "	2 00
J. W. Eastman, "	6 59
E. B. Carr, "	1 00
G. W. J. Taylor, "	10 47
James W. Sanders, "	2 00
S. M. Woodman, "	17 75
Stephen S. Hersey, "	53 37
E. W. Tucker, "	26 63
Rufus Colby, "	1 00
J. W. Tilton, "	4 60
T. W. Taylor, "	2 00
J. S. Tilton, "	8 00
A. M. Hersey, "	4 50
Busiell & Blodgett, plank,	21 70
A. G. Morrison, on road,	1 30
J. S. Taylor, "	3 00
A. K. Hersey, "	9 00
G. W. Copp, "	75
F. C. Shaw, "	17 50
H. K. Thompson, "	5 00
O. S. Sanborn, "	4 50
W. S. Gilman, "	7 50
E. C. Eastman, "	1 00
Joseph Young, on bridge,	1 50
J. W. Emerson, on road,	8 50
O. M. Smith, "	5 50
Non-resident highway tax paid in labor,	23 40
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	\$586 60

## Paid Current Expenses.

Paid E. C. Eastman, books, &c.	\$ 5 55
Morrill & Silsby,       “	12 50
E. A. Hibbard, council,	14 00
G. H. Leavitt, tax bills,	2 25
J. M. Taylor, in pauper case,	75
N. Johnson, stationery,	2 67
Seth B. Ramsdell, on Town House,	1 00
J. N. Sanborn, in pauper case,	1 50
W. H. Eastman, damage to wagon,	5 40
F. W. A. Rankin, Jr., S. S. Committee,	75 00
E. D. Weeks, on out-standing bills,	2 00
L. K. Dockham, damage to sleigh,	2 00
Levi Richardson, for spikes,	23
G. A. Stevens, stationery,	1 15
C. C. Rogers, council,	2 00
D. M. Kemp, glass,	60
O. E. Brown, board bill, and wood,	32 00
Ira Woodman, for collecting,	75 00
Stephen S. Hersey, fitting wood,	50
“       “       services as Selectman,	61 75
“       “       Horse, &c. out Town,	6 50
“       “       Overseer of poor,	5 25
“       “       Selectmens' board, and book,	3 05
John W. Currier, services as Selectman,	65 50
“       “       Horse, &c. out Town,	5 00
Jason J. Burley, Clerk, and postage,	34 66
R. H. Shaw, printing orders,	1 25
Stephen M. Woodman, services as Selectman,	73 00
“       “       as Treasurer,	40 00
“       “       Overseer of poor,	12 00
“       “       Horse, &c. out Town,	5 25
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\$ 549 31	



## Recapitulation.

Cash received,	\$ 21,741 56
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Paid Out-standing bills,	\$ 973 61
Breaking roads in 1875-76,	1,366 84
Religious Societies,	77 70
On Notes,	7,036 89
For the Poor,	50 35
For Schools,	1,721 44
On Roads and Bridges,	586 60
Damage to sheep by dogs,	61 25
Current Expenses,	549 31
State Tax,	1,244 00
County Tax,	1,794 08
Abated taxes on Ira Woodman's book,	211 85
Uncollected taxes, Ira Woodman's book,	2,042 53
Cash in the Treasury,	4,025 11
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	\$ 21,741 56

*Respectfully Submitted,*

STEPHEN M. WOODMAN,	} <i>Selectmen of Sanbornton.</i>
JOHN W. CURRIER,	
STEPHEN S. HERSEY,	

# AUDITORS' REPORT.

## Financial condition of the Town.

Amount of Notes due from the Town,	\$ 21,326 46
Out-standing bills, by estimate,	100 00
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	\$ 21,426 46

## Claims due the Town.

United States Bounty,	\$ 1,612 30
Taxes on S. M. Woodman's book, 1873,	51 00
“ C. P. Burley's book, 1874,	8 20
“ “ “ “ “ 1875,	305 11
17 Shares Railroad Stock,	170 00
Joseph S. Clark note,	675 00
Taxes on Ira Woodman's book, 1876,	2,042 53
Cash in Treasury,	4,025 11
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	\$ 8,889 25
Balance against the Town,	\$ 12,537 21
Error in reporting the R. Dudley note, in 1876.	

We, the undersigned, have carefully examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched. We further say, that we have cast and find the full indebtedness by note, including the School and Parsonage Fund note, March 1st. 1877, as follows :

Amount of notes due from the town, March 1, 1877, \$ 21,326.46

DAVID C. CLOUGH, }  
JOHN B. WADLEIGH, } *Auditors.*  
HARRISON WESTON, }

March 1st, 1877.

# REPORT OF THE Superintending School Committee.

## COMPARATIVE TABULAR STATEMENT.

	1875-76.		1876-77.	
Average length of school in weeks, . . .	18.61		18 4-7	
Average monthly wages of teachers, . . .	\$25.15		\$25.00	
Whole number of pupils, . . .	279		248	
Average attendance, . . .	198		203	
Instances of tardiness, . . .	355		572	
Visits of Prudential Committee, . . .	66		13	
Visits of Citizens, . . .	321		311	
	1875-76.		1876-77.	
Number of Term. . . . .	1st.	2d.	1st.	2d.
Attended to Reading and Spelling, . . .	230	258	248	241
“ Penmanship, . . .	183	185	139	186
“ Arithmetic, . . .	178	216	182	210
“ Geography, . . .	86	101	100	105
“ Grammar, . . .	39	67	51	57

## LIST OF TEXT-BOOKS.

Reading.—Willson's Series.

Spelling.— “ “

Arithmetic.—Robinson's and Colburn's.

Geography.—Guyot's.

Grammar.—Kerl's.

U. S. History.—Quackenbos'.

Book-Keeping.—Merservey's.



## FELLOW CITIZENS :

Our schools have been favored with the care of a faithful and conscientious corps of teachers, with satisfactory results.

We should never lose sight of the fact that our children receive almost their first lessons in morals in the school-room, hence the necessity of selecting for teachers only those who are competent to instruct by precept and example in this important branch.

Our school laws are not well understood ; each district should furnish their Prudential Committee with a copy of the Revised Statutes.

Not a few of our school-houses are sadly in need of repairs, and with but three exceptions, the black-boards are unfit for use. It is much easier to teach or learn in a cheerful, neatly furnished, well ventilated room than in the un-inviting and uncomfortable school houses which are too numerous in our town.

In this enlightened age, chairs without backs, tables or desks without support, and benches which bear the marks of fifty years ago, should be consigned to the repair shop or the wood pile.

Lack of interest in school matters on the part of parents has greatly retarded the work this year as in the past. In some districts children have been removed from school and deprived of all educational privileges simply to gratify somebody's whim, or because the committee did not employ the teacher of their choice. This penny wise and pound foolish course is unwarranted and productive of evil. If parents would visit the schools oftener and confer with the teachers there would be less fault-finding and more profitable schools.

## DISTRICT No. 1.

Prudential Committee, Arthur J. Crockett.

Teacher, Miss Mattie J. Crockett.

Wages, \$ 24.00 per month.

Length of first term, 13 weeks.

Length of second term, 15 weeks.

Scholars, first term, 13. Average attendance, 10 3-4.

Scholars, second term, 18. Average attendance, 12.

Number of visits by Prudential Committee, 1.

Number of visits by Citizens, 31.

Received of the Town of Tilton, \$54.31.

This school has had the care of but one teacher for five successive terms. The result is very satisfactory, proving the utility of consecutive teaching by the same instruction. In point of order, this school carries the banner, reminding us of large and well disciplined institutions of learning. In Arithmetic marked progress was made. In Geography every question was answered.

#### DISTRICT No. 2.

Prudential Committee, Daniel Jacobs.

Teacher, Miss Abbie E. Jacobs.

Wages, \$ 28.00 per month.

Length of first term, 12 weeks.

Length of second term, 14 weeks.

Scholars, first term, 19. Average, 14.

Scholars, second term, 18. Average, 15.

Visits of Prudential Committee, 0.

Visits of Citizens, 6.

Miss Jacobs is a faithful and conscientious teacher, manifesting a deep interest in the welfare of her school. We noticed, with regret, a lack of studiousness on the part of many pupils. The examination was satisfactory, giving evidence of improvement in Reading, Geography and Arithmetic.

#### DISTRICT No. 3.

Prudential Committee, Louis Hunkins.

Teacher, first term, Miss Mary P. Weeks.

Wages, \$ 21.80 per month.

Teacher, second term, Mr. Otis S. Sanborn.

Wages, \$ 25.00 per month.

Length of first term, 6 weeks.

Length of second term, 11 weeks.

Scholars, first term, 21. Average attendance, 17.3.

Scholars, second Term, 23. Average attendance, 20 1-3.

Number of visits by Prudential Committee, 2.

Number of visits by Citizens, 5.

The first term was taught by a beginner ; considering this fact, and the youth of the teacher, there was much to commend. Miss Weeks possesses fine qualifications for the work. The second term was taught by a resident of the district. We copy the following from his register. "Parents, scholars and teacher were united in their efforts to make this term pleasant and profitable, and I trust we had not labored in vain." It is proper to state that the school was extended two weeks without expense to the district—Mr. Sanborn volunteering his services. The closing day was one of pleasure and profit, proving that the united desires and efforts of the teacher and pupils had been rewarded.

#### DISTRICT No. 4.

Prudential Committee, Barnard H. Burleigh.

Teacher, first term, Miss Mary E. Neal.

Wages, \$ 24.00 per month.

Teacher, second term, Mr. Walter Peaslee.

Wages, \$ 25.00 per month.

Length of first term, 8 weeks.

Length of second term, 14 weeks.

Scholars, first term, 24. Average attendance, 18.

Scholars, second term, 25. Average attendance, 18.

Number of visits by Prudential Committee, 1.

Number of visits by Citizens, 33.

First term taught by a resident of the district, her first attempt, and a complete success. The second term was under the instruction of a young man from Laconia. In attempting to "tone up" the discipline of the school he lost the approbation of some of the district, which seriously affected his well-meant efforts.



## DISTRICT No. 5.

Prudential Committee, John B. Huse.

Teacher, Miss Emma J. Davis.

Wages, first term, \$ 25.00 per month.

Wages, second term, \$ 30.00 per month.

Length of first term, 8 weeks.

Length of second term, 10 weeks.

Scholars, first term, 19. Average attendance, 16.

Scholars, second term, 21. Average attendance, 16.

Number of visits by Prudential Committee, 0.

Number of visits by Citizens, 11.

Both terms taught by one teacher, who gave abundant evidence of her ability and disposition to instruct those under her charge.—Some of the pupils were not inclined to illustrate the results of her earnest efforts; others gave ample proof of faithful teaching and honest application.

## DISTRICT No. 6.

Prudential Committee, Joseph P. Sanborn.

Teacher, first term, Miss Susie E. Farrar.

Wages, \$ 20.00 per month, both terms.

Teacher, second term, Miss Alice Woodman.

Length of first term, 6 weeks. Second term, 8 weeks.

Scholars, first term, 10. Average attendance, 9.

Scholars, second term, 14. Average attendance, 12.

Number of visits by Prudential Committee, 0.

Number of visits by Citizens, 16.

The first term was kept by a young Miss from Laconia—her first school. She labored hard to give satisfaction, but did not succeed. The pupils took advantage of her youth, and paid but little attention to study. The second term was favored with the services of a popular teacher, who at once brought order from chaos, and at the examination, the school presented a creditable appearance.

## DISTRICT No. 7.

Prudential Committee, Cyrus Taylor.

Teacher, first term, Mrs. H. S. Rankin.

Teacher, second term, Miss Nellie R. Batchelder.

Wages, \$ 24.00 per month, both terms.

Length of first term, 6 weeks.

Length of second term, 7 weeks.

Scholars, first term, 16. Average attendance, 14.

Scholars, second term, 13. Average attendance, 11 3-35.

Number of visits by Prudential Committee, 2.

Number of visits by Citizens, 5.

The pupils of this district are to be commended for punctual and prompt attendance, respectful behavior, and close application to study. The second term was taught by the youngest of our corps of teachers—her first attempt. She understands handling the reins of government, and succeeds at once in winning the esteem and respect of her pupils. In Reading and Geography, advancement was made.

## DISTRICT No. 8.

Prudential Committee, Hiram Wadleigh.

Teacher, Mrs. Cynthia Hill.

Wages, \$ 28.00 per month.

Length of school, 6 weeks.

Number of scholars, 20.

Average, attendance, 17 5-6.

Visits of Prudential Committee, 0.

Visits of Citizens, 4.

The term of school was almost too short to do teacher or pupils justice. It was evident that much faithful labor had been expended, and not in vain. The order was a decided improvement on that of last year. In Reading and Arithmetic some progress was observable.

## DISTRICT No. 9.

Prudential Committee, Oliver French.

Teacher, first term, Miss Hattie F. Greely.

Teacher, second term, Miss Mattie E. Perley.

Wages, \$ 24.00 per month, both terms.

Length of first term, 9 weeks. Second term, 14 weeks.

Scholars, first term, 19. Average attendance, 17.4.

Scholars, second term, 23. Average attendance, 19 1-3.

Number of visits by Prudential Committee, 3.

Number of visits by Citizens, 38.

The first term was taught by a graduate of the Normal School, who introduced some of the exercises of that institution. Good progress was made in all the studies. The second term, taught by one of our youngest teachers, gave entire satisfaction to all concerned. The pupils appeared well at the examination, evincing thoroughness in teacher and pupils.

## DISTRICT No. 10.

Prudential Committee, J. W. Tilton.

Teacher, Miss Ella L. Gove.

Wages, first term, \$ 22.00 per month.

Wages, second term, \$ 25.00 per month.

Length of first term, 8 weeks.

Length of second term, 11.5 weeks.

Scholars, first term, 14. Average attendance, 13.5.

Scholars, second term, 14. Average attendance, 9 14-29.

Number of visits by Prudential Committee, 1.

Number of visits by Citizens, 14.

Both terms taught by a young lady from Franklin. The first term was quite successful. At the close of the second term there were but four pupils present. If all the parents of the children of this district took a lively interest in the education of their children, and would insist on their regular attendance at school, it would encourage the teacher, and ensure satisfactory results.



## DISTRICT No. 11.

Prudential Committee, Nathan Osgood.

Teacher, Miss Carrie Taylor.

Wages, \$26.00 per month.

Length of first term, 7 weeks.

Length of second term, 11 weeks.

Scholars, first term, 20. Average attendance, 17 5-14.

Scholars, second term, 13. Average attendance, 11 31-110.

Number of visits by Prudential Committee, 0.

Number of visits by Citizens, 9.

Both terms taught by a young lady who is well and favorably known as an instructor. Miss Taylor realizes the importance of laying a good foundation; therefore her efforts for the instruction of the "little ones" were crowned with abundant success. Parents and pupils are to be commended for their interest in the teacher and her work.

## DISTRICT No. 12.

Prudential Committee, Richard D. Johnson.

Teacher, Miss Mahala Batchelder.

Wages, \$29.00 per month.

Length of first term, 9 weeks.

Length of second term, 11 weeks.

Scholars, first term, 28. Average attendance, 26 14-45.

Scholars second term, 30. Average attendance, 21 1-5.

Number of visits by Prudential Committee, 2.

Number of visits by Citizens, 30.

Miss Batchelder had charge of this school both terms, and fully sustained the reputation earned in a neighboring town. She does not hesitate to leave the "old ruts" if, thereby, she can fasten instruction in the minds of her pupils. The examination was pleasant and satisfactory; a large number of the residents of the district attending.

## DISTRICT No. 13.

Prudential Committee, Wiggins S. Gilman.

Teacher, Miss Mary E. Huse.

Wages, \$ 24.00 per month.

Length of first term, 8 weeks.

Length of second term, 15 weeks.

Scholars, first term, 22. Average attendance, 19 15-16.

Scholars, second term, 21. Average attendance, 16 1-4.

Number of visits by Prudential Committee, 1.

Number of visits by Citizens, 98.

Both terms taught by one of our "veteran" teachers; this being her 66th term of school. As in former years, her labors were crowned with success. The examination was creditable, alike to teacher and pupils. Reference to the statistics of this school will show that the residents of the district are especially interested in school matters—a good omen.

## DISTRICT No. 16.

Prudential Committee, B. M. Morrill.

Teacher, Miss S. H. Sanborn.

Wages, \$ 24.00 per month.

Length of school, 10 weeks.

Scholars, 4. Average attendance, 3.63.

Number of visits by Prudential Committee, 1.

Number of visits by Citizens, 11.

This school, though small, contains advanced pupils, and requires teachers of a high order. In this respect it has been favored.

Miss Sanborn devoted her entire time to the improvement of her pupils, with satisfactory results.

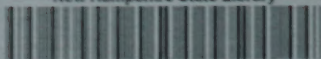
F. W. A. RANKIN, JR.,

*Superintending School Committee.*





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